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#### CHAPTER V.-Continued

organic house, are beginned there, the carriers of dead horses. fire and as though on panels

the sun a fill being shoet of fire on moded heads hold high. their armor sees and them a horse. And at last they started between

after in the world to appropriation where fice ould I know that they were Under the window soldiers began country updatements to sacrifice thembeavy on their souls, knowing wellthere was no hope, understanding that they were to die to save the frag-

monte of a beaten army? "They are doomed, like ther fathurs." I muttered -"sons of the cui you do not understand the marrow love. of country! Look!"

"It is too pitiful, too herrible," she said, hearsely. "How the horses tall was cold to my knees

cannot look! - I- cannot "

siers were cheering. It was the first around. The soldier pushed my long had ever seen cavalry of their arm on any buttle-field of Europe since Wa-Now among the thicket of hoperines and shut the door behind him.

then the metallic rattle of bullets on steel breast-plates. Entire ranks of and crash of falling armor filled the thunder of the guns in the dark sir. And, above the infernal fracas towe the heavy cheering of the doomed riders

Into the deep, narrow street wheeled the horsemen, choking road and sidewalk with their galloping squadrons. a solid entaract of impetuous horses. a flashing torrent of armored menand then! Crash! the first squadron dashed headlong against the barricade of wagons and went down.

into them tore the squadron behind, unable to stop their maddened horses, and into these thundered squadron after squadron, unconscious of the dead wall ahead.

Posted behind the upper and lower windows of the houses, the Prussians shot into them, so close that the flames from the rifles set the jackets of the culrassiers on fire. Then a terrible butchery of men and horses began.

In front of the barricade a huge Tellow reined in his horse and turned. white-gloved hand raised, red epaulets tossing.

"Hait! Hait!" he shouted. "Stop the lancers!" And a trumpeter, disengaging himself from the frantic chaos, set his long, silver trumpet to his lips and blew the "Halt!"

Then into this awful struggle galloped the two squadrons of the lanthem-another-another-and down and missing soldiers of France.

they went The street was still crowded with entrapped cuirassiers, huddled in immaculate in his somber uniform, engroups or riding up and down the tered the room without knocking. walls mechanically secking shelter. A giving a narrow passage to the open ter fitted, no soldiers will be quartered that you would deliberately risk death country beyond fastantly the Prus. in this house." sian infantity swarmed out of the The officer evidently mistock me for fore a military tribunal in Paris?"

transling herees plunged forward, murning from the Chalcau of la guide and mentor falls. eroke into a stiff gallop, and passed Trappe through the infantry, through the rent. He turned his grim, inflexible tace liban, in the perrorade, and singsered away to the Counters and Dowed, then he may I go, he asked humbly, only as of the stranger mapair my creed."

Frum, the flower of an empire's chir- to the midder on guard and survival. So he wanted to see to Merbihansire, the visct of France. So rode but, his current saber banging behind to the village of Paradise? Wha? to show their should spears against "it must be tre Delmont" I said, who care for the cases. You will never the gardenes of the Stath Lancers his sported bods

#### CHAPTER VI.

The Game Begins.

The recur, in the furget was faw come, decroy? become at he sincke and lines dust, I rould scarcely see the gray figure of which had I - I all six you will proof the Capetral through the proofer pair the more morned of some barrees which delived in threach shiftlers and hurst coulty passed before he harned loop helt. dimming the factor day his eller back to the emission of the me, so I said. Madame new have seen

And new sugar loads of Erench And what I was again a line or him wounded began to pass, talking over

This the and cortice of principles. and not the second ground two cut formed in the smoke, the west-ded mosts of Preton sufrancers and two lensing on their edent communes hanaquidrens of lancers moving stowly disjed heads hanging the others erect. Assum, supporting the crippled of The cultivators moved on story, standing with arms tolded and their

two his broadent higher new and two hirs of mounted Chlane-Terrors, this hour-remained in Merstronn. A then a steel polimet turped, flashing line infantrymen, gendarmes, lancers. Great erriches, I kreamed sloud and towering head and shoulders Mindamo, there rides the finest cay, show the others, the superb culture as the (venture, who already street

solves - that they rode with death; bears that and bung of rifles set the Monthers of Impurial Police exists countees frombling again.

> though stapeded scarcely breathing. The Counters stand perfectly still a her splendid hair glistening like mot moment, then came straight to me. ten copper in the ped torches glare Soldiers began to come and go in on his broad aboutders.

"They will fall thicker than that and when I assented he calmly smashed a chair to kindling wood." they have begun smashed a chair to kindling wood.

The Countess rose and looked over between his flat fingers opy over the bed and flong it over me, amused stellidly ignoring my protests. Then "Yes"

long lines of black arose; there was a the heat of the fire half-dozing, then diamonds were there he asked sleeping then suddenly alort, only to look about me to see the Counters incredulously, and opened the leather out to the soldiers of France, it went in the supreme council of the later darkness, ripping open part of the fide culmassiers went down in the smoke of with eyes closed, motionless in her the Prussian rides, the sinuser clash armehair, only to hear the mudled agin This I stretched wide and emp-

A few moments later a clock in the echoed the clamer of the clock. It was the last shot of the battle. And away Alsnee was a lost province. Mac ing in undimmed aptendor Mahon's army was in full retreat.



A Horrible Butchery of Men and Horses Began.

leaving on the three battle-fields of

About seven o'clock that morning opportunity." a gaunt, leather-faced Prussian officer.

"Monsieur, I have the honor to hand few of these, dismounted, were wear- you a copy of regulations. I am the fly attempting to drag a heavy cart provost marshal; all complaints should away from the barricade; the Prus- be brought to me. A list of the inhabsians shot them, one at a time, but itants of Morsbronn will be made toothers came to help, and a few lan- day. You will have the goodness to cers aided them, and at length they declare yourself-and you also, madmanaged to drag a bay-wagon aside, ame. There being other buildings bet

tooses and into the street, shouting, the owner of the house and not a of the standard outstailers frommers and hoots; he could only see I regret what I have done, and I will place. And this is a valuable lesson the lives of men more field; totalfind contact with my ranged abirt.

revive the fary of the armored riders. "as monayour appears to need the it means my death" The debris of the regiments closed services of a physician I shall send. The subappy Countess tooked at me. inc lit. Long. straight salers glittered, him a Fronch doctor, I much it may be a straight salers glittered. him a Fronch doctor, I much it may be a straight salers glittered. The subappy Countess tooked at me. After a silence Buckburst said. "All

torn the fields, buried in the amoke bowed to me, awang squarely on his an obscure worker in the cause? 4 beed, and worked to the door

on his the "Catrassiers of Mors : "Admit the French doctor," he said me off."

stone walls—for the inner of France- looking at the Countries as there came final are unkind sord from me if you gently a low knock at the door.

somebody entered the room behind some Taxonto ; also, I hope, and they provide me and I turned calling out. Wel are older and whee than I and then

of John Parkinger of our offers. The Countries of the and and the took

"Mr friend" he observed in the "s the with shocks, a colling stretch exacted because gifter, cutrasses, and that who you think you will know the Aprile School Prop Baker Blanded Steat-

The Chinteen face avered, parent

"Wall" said findshirm and first ing shroully to me, he solded. "You were mucaken for a finance at La Trappe, you were purticed here for a freenance from the the second heighten ter medicale and the crimest solutions. very for a revitant. He backed across with her hand on the herskieth

"If you disturb me, he and I have only to fell the present the truth without proper entires incide German Until the firing reased she stood as lines are shot, scance tenante

Madame and funkturet in his peruliarly soft and persunated voice rassiers of Walerlee Look madame! the room some carried off chairs for "I am not here to beitay this gentle Look on the men of France! You say officers below, some took the pillows man I am not here to being this gentle from the bed, one bore away a deak mixedf. I came here to make repara tion, to ask your forgiveness, madame, The evening had grown chilly I for the wrong I have done you, and to deliver myself, if necessary, into A soldier offered to build me a fire the hands of the proper French at Diamonds Lay Blazing on My Blanket.

'Have you brought me the diamonds' street below," I repeated with the obcharge they had ever made, noted to the house tore down the can which belong to the state? I inquired, stinger of a limited intellect,

he clamped out with his muddy boots ment he drew a small leather pouch that pleased me and startled thick sentimentally. from his pecket and laid it an mr hurst. For a long while I lay there, full in blanket covered knees. How many Bucklurst began to speak, but I sidering that I was fine tall the denies Miss Socials decised to

"One hundred and three. I replied. pouch. Inside was a haz of chamole | 00t to France, teat

Scores of little balls of lisme-paper hallway struck nine times. At the rolled out on the blanket over my fliet with our creed, madame " maked same instant a deadened cannon-shot knows; I opened one; it contained a Buckhurst, gently. "It is only hate diamond. I opened another, another, that we abjure." and another; diamonds by blank on when the dell reverberations had died my blanket, a whole handful glitter. I will tell you in that dreadful mo-

hurst, fashioning the paper box into once, I loved them and their countrya fly-trap with a lid.

them into my hands then one by one I hated the men who butchered them lessly dropped the states while I counted | more! I hated the country where aloud one hundred and two diamends. the men came from; I hated race and tracted that rogue to Paradise? The one hundred and third jewel was, country and the blows they dealt, and f course, safely in Paris.

When I had a second time finshed the enumeration I leaned back in my chair, uttorly at a loss to account for this man or for what he had done As far as I could see there was no logic in it, nothing demonstrated, noth ing proven. To me-and I am not either suspicious or obstinate by nature-Ruckhurst was still an unrepentant thief and a dangerous one.

"Mr Tuckburst," I said, pompously, in bringing these diamonds to me you Give Your Son Possessions That He have certainly done all in your power to repair an injury which concerned all France.

"As I am situated, of course I cannot now ask you to accompany me to the principle of the private ownership Paris, where doubtless the proper au- of personal property. He would rather thorities would gladly admit extenuat- be the sole possessor of a broken under their fluttering red-and-white Worth, Reichshoffen, and Froschwelling circumstances, and credit you with handled knife with no blades than a lance-pennons, then a voiley swept ler sixteen thousand dead, wounded, a sincere repentance. But I put you pearl handled, four-bladed affair in on your honor to surrender at the first

> It was as stupidly trite a speech as could think of.

me from my bray?

"I could easily aid you to leave

Morsbronn," he said, stealthily. "Oho," thought I, "so you're a German agent, too, as I suspected." But I said, aloud, simulating astonishment; "Do you mean to say, Mr. Buckhurst, to aid a police officer to bring you be-

ido mint an honest mun can do to Do not make a younger buy wear his Exchange.

the enemy, hand to hand, seemed to | "And new, madamed be continued | make the rullest reparation even if | the evil they wrought on France my

"If you return to Paradies, in Mor-

as we lish planted. best mindator, that you will not east resear.

The Coursess and "I welcome all desire to restone the work in Para She rose anatomally from her greate, these. Dr. Ischment will be there. More long to democrace and to the Prussian has reached that left; serence which them what you have asked of how arrest by protestion from brutality they are auxigned to server year.

If was time for another discord trem. fire, and fixed his eyes on me those is thousand men las down their fiend alog ever ensembles in death for France Hawlt but chiken your which you call the Internationals ?" The shuntee terms her toubled

> What I have seen what I have thought sline yesterias has autroped



You saw the cuitameters die

Yes-and my heart went cut to

year brien short "Then madame, if your heart went

"Yes to France," she repeated, and I saw her lip begin to quiver

Wherein does love for France con She turned her gray syes on him

ment when the cavalry of France "Count them," murmared Buck cheered beath in his own awful pres ful war is ended." my country! -as I had never loved in With a quick movement I swept all my life . . . And I hated too!

France! That is the truth; and I real-

that may be, medamy, yet not impair. your greed

What!" she said, "does not hatred it will die out and give place to

When? When I attain the lofty. disparationate fewel I have never at and That will not be while this

WAT STITLENG "Who knows" said linekture.

I said, almostly "So you are not go

He lifted his well-chaped head and critical at the Constrova with an ad-"Thank you " rapited the cause roles or far above ine troubled mind. Ask account parhor which seemed a mate

that question is a needless one." water from Commission agreeding. "Mr Well &creek on , sion Monorae Searlett." I stid but smar if we an identified question, and I. I was morely recitalterance to that short of parentress one a fact, when evidently, for Mr. sections". And it it he cope that Mrm. are it is continued desires to whate for-

the what has nappeered, then it is per- of the Petits owners carried yours defeetly peoply his me, over he a proover reword to speak plaints. In R. Mice Alma L. Potter both of Oteon not be duty, or a guardian of national. Ridge. The court said he was willing inference, to point soil to Mr. Buck to set to the welding but did not beharm his housest seriou? Certainly if Book in marriage excommists by giving

Terming purposed to Funkturet, I was performed the recommer. fancied Presult almost defect is every in that incorrection many, he were us mast I beped I rould and I said, bear

Memorial for a number of years there has passed under our eyes here. in France certain strange phonomens. Missouri, declares he found juit con-Disseands of Frenchises have, so to speak separated themselves from the rest of the nation. "France is only a name to thesi:

ther were born there, they live there, they derive their nearwhiteent from her without graditude But Franceis nothing to them, their mother land is the Internationale!

I was certain now that the shadow of a speer had settled in the corners

of Buckturer's thin Haw. Believe me, madame, the time is coming when the whole world will rise me dreadfully she said. I have to combat this internationals, and bashful is thatles Lend, a farmhand "I do not exactly understand" said tried to invince all the world in a when the mark is dragged from its of Bothel. Kan Twenty seven years see: one cried; they have begun and seed of the heavy posts of the large gone by and up to so stallop! They are coming! Oh, I with and seed the seed of the heavy posts of the L. how you can explain here. broader higher, and benignant visage, there, grinning be of his life have gone by and up to bed, and started a fire which lit up the "I can at least make retribution," he less setten love than the jesious, hind will appear the same old Spec. The niter night he had never strength wrecked from with its crimson glars said, turning the paper box over and single-minded love for one country. Let Houge, torch in one hand, gun in ed to kins a girl. On this occasion he the other, equatting behind cade of paying blocks "

I wagged my head delefully.

nationale Truckburst looked thoughtfully at

the foot "Your earnestness almost converts. me." he said lifting his studing eyes.

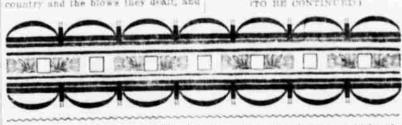
The Countess appeared weary and perplexed. At all events," she eald, "we must do nothing to embarrass France new.

we must do bothing until this fright

After a silence Buckburet said, "But iou will go to Paradise, madame?

Yes," replied the Countres, list Now what in Heaven's name at

STO BE CONTINUED.



# BOYS LIKE TO OWN THINGS

May "Keep," and He Will Treasure Them.

The average boy believes firmly in other's clothes. He wants his own. partnership, asserts Thomas W. Lloyd in the Mother's Magazine.

In fact, the desire to own something to possess property-is inherent in Buckhurst glanced up at me. Was all mankind And mothers should enwhich to keep them.

older brother's clothing which the latter has outgrown, if it can be avoided. Of course in some families, where every cent counts, this cannot be helped. Every boy, and we speak from experience, hates to wear an-

Give him his own bureau drawer and at least a portion of a closet, and teach him habits of orderliness and system in the care of his possessions. These habits are easily learned when young, and their value to the man of business is incalculable.

#### Life's Ills and Compensations. For everything you have missed you

he taking my measure anew, judging deavor to foster this desire. It will have gained something eise. The not only increase the boy's happiness, whole story of earthly existence & but will teach him the value of acqui- one of compensations. Many a gift. sition, within proper limits. He we craved and were denied held in should have his own playthings, his its train ills we are glad to have saw the accident and shouled warmown tools, his own books, his own been spared. Many a sorrow that has lings, clothes, and a place of his own in darkened our way, though its memory may still remain bitter, has A boy who is permitted to do this wrought some change of character or will take better care of things than if conditions that we would be unwilling owned in partnership, and he will to give up. The allotment of lays and at a dance given by a club composed learn carefully to have a place for his griefs is more carefully theasured "Interest" purbling and prisoner, a blanket hid my hussar or a martyr," he said, quietly, "but things and to home them in their than we are accustomed to think and John Cunningham, members of the

## FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

"Father of Joplin" Dead. Joplin -- William S. Shewmaker, as years old, the "father of Joplin," is dead. Shewmaker had lived in Joplin since Isse. He was a veteran of the civil war, setting here at the close of the war, when there were but two houses here. Three sons, four daughters, one stepson, two stepdaughters, 38 grandchildren and 19 great-grand children survive. He left a fortune of

#### Joplin Wants Courthouse.

Carthage.-The Jusper county court has been petitioned to call a special election to vote on a proposition to issue \$200,000 bonds for the crection of a new courthouse at Joplin, a new almshouse and jall at Carthage and a detention home at Webb City

#### Ex Representative Dies.

Holls -- W. A. Vis. aged 71, one of the oldest citizens of Hells, ded at his home. He served in the Confederate army uniter Col. Early A. Steen and an representative from Phelps county in the thirty with atteral assensity of Museum in 1892.

#### 'Acid Bandits'" Auto Found.

Kitteas first .- The find up of the automobile need by the man and woman who held up the jewelry more of L-Gottleso and after equirring well in the fain of Giorge Goldman, som of the proprietor, emeaged with \$2,000 worth of diaments, furnished the pe-How a lame pleasing which to earry forward their march for the robbers. The car was initial the curb in an accided region of the West Side. Two of the bullets fired by Goldman at the escapleg rathers had physical the back of

#### Won't Art. But Alice Welding.

Nobella -- Julius Hopkins B. Shalm clined to marry Victor of Parry west n malume and this is the proper transcribes, and so he adjourned court sint sent for a Raptist minister.

### Conditions Bad in Missours Javia.

Fulton -James B. Bullman, ministact division apprintential of the poriety for the Priendless, who is making his aimial trip throughout dition deplorable in north central Missouri

His criticism is not the first raised against the jails. A. grand fory comdemned the Callaway county 361 in this city Several grand Juries have made similar reports on the jail at Mexico, Audrain county. The fall at Columbus, Boone county, te said to be in pour condition.

Her Nose Hurts His Eye. Kanena City-Innovent, big and awertheart, Miss Littlen Sectain, West, in the shadow of a large tree on Chilr "I rould not have rested had I not way tome from a party and acted hav-"You," he said, and to my astonish them, she replied with an emphasis warned Mr Houshurst of this. I said, in his arms to place a kiss. Handle crowd by inverse on harrmonnings, his Which was fairly well done con the missed those of his sweatheartng over the increases of the most avoid him but, anyhow his eyeaccomplished ecoundrel that ever sat struck the end of her noze in the and tadty scratching the evenal.

# Chief of Moonshiners Arrested.

Springfield. The breaking up of about the only remaining moonshins" game of the Crarky has been accompilated federal revenue officers. believe, in the arrest of George Smith of Texas county, an old man, who is thought to be the leading spirit of a ring of illicit whiskymakers who have seaded the law for the last decade.

With Smith was arrested Tete" Barton, an Ozark mountaineer, who, it is charged, acted as selling agent for

the movemblue stills The still had been located many times by government detectives, but in every instance it was moved before arrests rould be made. It was in a deep canyon on Hig creek, near Hee Rock in one of the wildest sections of southwest Missourf

Armed mes guarded the still.

# Dexter. Belated, Works Highways.

Jefferson City.-Dexter, Stoddard county, reported to Gov Major that place had its two days of "road work" Dec. 15 and 16, instead of Aug 20 and 21. The report says the citizens of the town and its vicinity did a great amount of effective work

Gae Company Inquiry Asked. Columbia.- A resolution asking that the Columbia Gas company be investigated by the state public utilities commission was passed by the city council. An investigation of the Columbia Telephone company is now pending

before the commission. Charleston.-William Bryant, a farmer, whose home is about two miles west of Charleston, was run over and killed by a work train. Several people

Fight Follows Effort to Tango. Caruthersville. - Because Harry Fleming wanted to dance the tango if the elite of Carterville, Fleming and a fine of \$5 and costs for disturbance.